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THE SYNOD.

The 8th clause of the Rules regarding the Committees of Synod was omitted in the pamphlet containing the Act and the Canons, though it will be found at page 35 of the pamphlet containing an account of the whole proceedings. It was, consequently, overlooked by us when we drew attention to the important clauses of the Synod Constitution in our last issue. We now insert it, and trust that it will be observed.

"8 That, in order to expedite the business of the Synod, it is required for the future that the clerks of the several vestries in this Diocese send to the Lay Secretary of the Synod, within six days after their election, the names of the Lay Delegates elected at the vestry meeting during Easter week; and that the Lay Secretary of this Synod do attend at the place where the Synod is to meet at 9 o'clock of the first day of meeting, to record the certificates of said Lay Delegates."

The Lay Secretary desires all communications to be addressed to the Secretary of the Church Society.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

A meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the Society's Rooms.

Present:—The Lord Bishop in the chair; the Revs. Dr. Beaven; the Provost of Trinity College; Dr. Strong; S. Givens; Dr. Lewis; D. E. Blake; Dr. Leit; F. Carry; Herbert Mortimer, Esq., and the Secretary.

The Secretary read the Prayers.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The statement of the accounts and balances were read over and laid on the table.

A report from Dr. O'Meara was read, and the expenses incurred by him in visiting the stations, ordered to be paid, amounting to £26 18s. 3d.

Also, to the Rev. P. Jacobs, £10 15s. for his expenses.

The following grants were voted, viz.:

Books to the value of £2 10s., to the Rev. Mr. Stannage, of Merrittsville, for his Sunday school.

Books for three Sunday schools, organized by the Rev. F. Carry, to the value of £5.

Books and tracts to the Rev. H. W. Stewart, for distribution in the settlements around Guelph, to the value of £2 10s.

Books and tracts, to the value of £2 10s., to the Rev. J. Davidson, of Newboro', for distribution in his mission.

Tracts to the value of £1 5s., to the Rev. F. G. D. McKenzie, for distribution at Georgetown.

Prayer-books to the value of £2 10s., to the Rev. C. E. Thomson, for distribution in Garafraxa.

Sunday school books to the value of £2 10s., for the church at King Station.

Grants of £22 10s. each were voted to the Rev. A. Nelles, for his church building at Onondaga, and to Rev. J. Fletcher, for his church at West Gwillimbury; the money to be paid so soon as the General Purpose Fund is in a position to afford it.

The Secretary stated that there were now eight of these promises recorded on the minutes. The board authorised him to pay them, if in funds, before the close of the month, so that they may be reported in the year's transactions.

The Secretary read an extract from a letter of the Rev. J. Gibson, of Woodstock, informing the Society that a person who lived in East Oxford, bequeathed, during his last illness, to the Society, three acres and a half of land, in the township of Burford, composed of the north-west corner of Lot 29, in the 2nd concession of said township, for the erection of a church and dwelling-house and for a burial ground.

Resolved.—That the Society pay £75 per annum towards the support of a missionary in the Simcoe District, for three years: provided the Simcoe District Branch guarantee to pay the like sum.

Resolved.—That the Society contribute £100 per annum towards the support of two missionaries, £50 each, in the Home District, provided the District Branch guarantee to pay £100 to each.

The Secretary presented the following report of the Eastern Episcopal Trust Fund Committee:

To the Hon. and Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Toronto, President of the Diocesan Church Society.

May it please your Lordship,—

The Eastern Episcopal Trust Fund Committee have to report to your Lordship, that their Treasurer has received from the Rev. Dr. Patton, the following notes and securities, viz.:

192 Notes, amounting to.....\$11061 00
A Mortgage for..... 2400 00
And that there had been deposited in the Commercial Bank, cash 600 00

\$14061 00

JAS. A. HENDERSON,
Chairman.

A. STEWART,
Secretary.

Kingston, 18th March, 1858.

The following gentlemen were balloted for and elected members of the corporation:

Messrs. Edgar Judge, Toronto; Andrew Geddes, Flora; Thomas Galt, Toronto; George Atkinson, Peter Grant, C. H. Jarvis, W. R. MacDonald, H. S. Papps, Andrew Stevens, V. H. Tisdale, Samuel Walkington, of Hamilton, and William Hay, of Toronto.

The Secretary proposed the Rev. Henry W. Davies; and H. Mortimer, Esq., proposed F. Cumberland, Esq., of Toronto, Prayers were read by the Secretary, and the meeting adjourned.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

We have much pleasure in stating that William Dickson, Esq., of Galt, has made arrangements for the endowment of three scholarships in Trinity College, for students in Arts, tenable for three years, and of the annual value of £30 currency.

The first of these scholarships will be open to students entering College in October next, and will be awarded according to the result of the examination in the following June, as the Wellington, the Bishop Strachan, the Burnside and the Allan Scholarships are at present awarded.

We cannot omit to mention that the sum originally given by Mr. Dickson being insufficient for the immediate endowment of three scholarships of £30 per annum, it was suggested to him that the fund should be allowed to accumulate till it had reached the required amount, and that he met this proposal by the generous declaration of his readiness to make up the deficiency forthwith, in order that the college might enjoy without overlap, the advantages arising from his munificent benefaction.

COLLECTIONS UP TO 12TH APRIL.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missionary stations, in the diocese of Toronto, in the month of January, in behalf of the General Purposes of the Society.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Previously announced.....\$693 00
St. Paul's, Woodstock, per J. Ingersoll Esq. 21 56
Dunnville\$ 4 00
St. John's, Cayuga 4 00

Per Rev. J. Flood..... 8 00
St. James', Toronto, per Churchwardens 60 00
Trinity Church, Port Burwell ... 2 00
St. Luke's, Vienna 4 00

Per Rev. H. R. Jessop, 6 00
Franktown, Per Rev. E. Morris..... 2 08
St. Jude's, Palermo 1 67
A Friend 0 33

Per Churchwardens 2 00
Mountain and Edwardsburg, per Rev. J. Harris 2 12

St. Mark's, Niagara, per Churchwardens 8 27
St. John's, Murray, per Rev. H. Pless... 2 25

St. John's, Downanville, per Rev. Dr. MacNab 8 00

Ehizabethown, per Rev. W. C. Clarke... 2 05
Christ Church, Ottawa, per Churchwardens 25 53

127 Collections, amounting to 838 95

DONATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, &c.

Rev. F. W. Dobbs	5 00
Provost of Trinity College	15 00
Rev. Thomas Bousfield	10 00
Rev. James Harris	5 00
J. P. Roberts, Esq.	5 00
Rev. R. Harding	5 00
Archdeacon Stuart	5 00
Rev. W. M. Herchmer	5 00
Rev. T. M. Bartlett	5 00
S. Muckleston, Esq.	5 00
J. Macpherson, Esq.	5 00
C. S. Ross, Esq.	5 00
A. D. Campbell, Esq.	5 00
Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq.	5 00
John Watkins, Esq.	5 00
Rev. A. Stewart	5 00
J. S. Crookshank, Esq.	5 00
James A. Henderson, Esq.	5 00
W. F. Gracet Esq.	5 00
W. Rudston, Esq.	5 00
Rev. H. E. Pless	5 00
J. Bower, Esq.	5 00
W. H. Bottom, Esq.	5 00
Rev. R. Lewis	5 00
Rev. W. C. Clarke 2 years	10 00
H. Joseph, Esq., annual sub	10 00
G. Hamilton, Esq.	5 00
Rev. J. Smyth	5 00

WIDOWS & ORPHANS' FUND.
(Collections up to 12th April).

Appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missions, in the month of October, 1867.

Previously announced	\$1808 46
St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, per Jas. Ingersoll, Esq.	39 50
St. James', Toronto, per Churchwardens Trinity Church, Port Burwell...\$ 1 50	112 00
St. Luke's, Vienna.....	8 50
Per Rev. H. B. Jessopp	10 00
Franktown, per Rev. E. Morris	2 00
St. Annes, Adelaide	1 13
Church at Strathroy.....	2 20
Per Rev. A. Mortimer	3 42
Mountain and Edwardsburg, per Rev. J. Harris	4 27
St. Mark's, Niagara, per Churchwarden St. John's, Murray, per Rev. H. E. Pless	15 00
Elizabethtown, per Rev. W. C. Clarke	4 38
Number of Collections, 180	1501 31

In the February number of the Gazette, the total amount received announced was \$1777 16 cts., and carried over to the balance in the March number, it ought to have been \$1277 16 cts.

MISSION FUND.
(Collections up to 12th April).

Collections appointed to be taken up in the month of July, 1867.

Previously announced	\$1150 03
St. James', Toronto, per Churchwardens Franktown, per Rev. E. Morris	96 00
St. Anne's, Adelaide	2 08
Church at Strathroy	1 00
Per Rev. A. Mortimer	2 58
Trinity Church, Streetsville, per Churchwardens	4 00
Mountain and Edwardsburg, per Rev. J. Harris	6 60
St. John's Church, Murray, per Rev. H. Pless	2 50
Elizabethtown, per Rev. W. Clarke.....	2 00

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Franktown, per Rev. E. Morris.....\$ 31 23	
Streetsville, 1/4, per Churchwardens	6 00
St. George's, Kingston 1/4	\$31 23
Camden 1/4 for 1856	3 00
Fredericksburg, 1/4 for 1857	8 00
Per Rev. A. Stewart.....	42 87
East Zorra and Huntingford, the whole, per Rev. F. D. Fauquier.....	38 25
Warwick, 1/4, per Rev. J. Smyth	3 00
152 Collections	1273 79

STUDENTS' FUND.

St. John's, Murray, per Rev. H. Pless... ..	2 00
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SUBSCRIBERS TO THE EASTERN EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Rev. Dr. Patton proposes to publish from time to time (as the work progresses) the names of all Subscribers to the Eastern Episcopal Endowment Fund.

CORNWALL.

The Bishop of Toronto	£100 0	Cash paid.
Rev. H. Patton, D.C.I.	25 0	Paid in full.
Mrs. Mountain	25 0	" "
J. J. Dickenson, M.D.	25 0	" "
P. E. Adams	25 0	" "
Hon. P. Yankoughnet.....	25 0	" "
Hon. Judge Jarvis	25 0	" "
G. C. Wood	25 0	Note given.
Miss C. Purcel	25 0	" "
W. G. Barnhart, Sen.	12 10	Paid in full.
Asaph J. Barnhart	12 10	" "
Samuel Hart	12 10	" "
B. Gordon French	12 10	Note given.
W. G. Barnhart, Jr.	12 10	" "
John Kewin	12 10	Paid in full.
S. T. Chesley	6 5	" "
H. Perkins	5 0	Note given.
D. W. McDonald	5 0	" "
W. Hessel	5 0	Paid in full.
G. Armstrong	5 0	" "
Thomas Bacon.....	5 0	" "
John Carr	2 10	" "
Edward Farlinger	2 10	" "
Joel Eastman	2 10	" "
James Edgar	2 10	" "
James Robertson	2 10	" "
Mrs. Hopper.....	2 10	" "
R. P. Eastman.....	2 10	" "
Watson Little	2 10	" "
Charles Poole	2 10	" "
J. S. Bruce	2 10	" "
Daniel Alguire.....	2 10	" "
Jacob Gallinger	2 10	" "
Miss Scott	2 10	" "
Michael Hartle	2 10	" "
Aaron Welch	2 10	" "
Peter Lonney	2 10	" "
P. G. Mulhem	2 10	Note given.
Charles Stafford	2 10	" "
J. Tanner	2 10	" "
Nelson Lonney.....	2 10	" "
John Clough.....	2 10	" "
J. Blenden	2 10	" "
George C. Wood	2 10	" "
Phillip Silmsner	2 10	" "
J. J. Fyckes.....	2 10	" "
G. Robertson, Jr.	2 10	" "
Alra S. Eastman	2 10	" "
W. McLoughlin.....	2 10	" "
T. G. Anderson	2 10	" "
Mrs. E. Campbell	2 10	" "
M. Snetsinger	2 10	" "
W. Eamer.....	2 10	" "

John Hartle	1 5	Paid in full.
Andrew Fulton	1 0	" "
Andrew Edgar	1 0	" "
W. Fitzpatrick	1 0	" "
Alfred Lindsay.....	1 0	" "
Widow Armstrong	0 10	" "
Widow Gill	0 10	" "
Widow D. Hartle.....	0 5	" "
A. Hartle	0 10	" "
J. McCondell	0 10	" "
H. Crawford.....	0 10	" "
John Crawford.....	0 5	" "
A. Morrison	0 2 6	" "
Widow A. Wright	1 0	" "
Sundry small subscriptions	10 0	" "

HAWKESBURY.

Hamilton Brothers	£100 0	Note 3 y'rs.
Rev. J. G. Armstrong.....	30 0	" "
Rev. Dr. Lewis	25 0	" "
H. W. McCann, M.P.	5 0	" "
D. McDonald	5 0	Paid 75s.
W. Higginson	2 10	Note 3 y'rs.
C. J. Lighthall	2 10	" "
T. Higginson	1 5	Paid in full.
W. Boon	1 5	" "
John Higginson	1 0	" "
Fee from Judge J.	0 10	" "

PERTH.
(Only partially canvassed.)

Daniel McMartin.....	£ 50 0	Note 3 y'rs.
Richard Shaw	50 0	" "
Rev. R. I. Stephenson ..	25 0	" "
T. Brooke	15 0	" "
W. O. Buell	5 0	Cash.
George Cox	2 10	Note 3 y'rs.

SMITH'S FALLS.
(Only partially canvassed.)

James Shaw.....	£ 50 0	Note 3 y'rs.
Samuel Hazlewood	15 0	" "
W. H. Burritt, M.D.	10 0	" "
Rev. J. B. Worrell	10 0	" "
John Morehouse	5 0	" "
John Smith	5 0	" "
R. S. Collins.....	2 10	" "
John Richie	2 10	" "
W. White	2 10	" "
W. Corrie	2 10	" "
A. Matheson.....	2 10	" "
W. H. Jarvis	2 10	" "
James Armstrong	2 10	" "
E. B. Read	2 10	" "
Daniel Buck	2 10	" "

PRESCOTT.

J. S. Merwin	£131 5	Paid.
A. Hooker	131 5	" "
Hon. S. Crane	37 10	Note 3 y'rs.
A. Jones	25 0	Note given.
Rev. R. Blakey	12 10	" "
F. B. Fielde	12 10	" "
Charles Willard	10 0	" "
T. Gainfort, M.D.	10 0	" "
W. Ellis.....	25 0	" "
Robert Lyon.....	7 10	" "
B. French, Jr.	7 10	" "
John Patton	5 0	" "
Charles Shaver.....	5 0	" "
W. Lewis	5 0	" "
V. R. Knapp	5 0	" "
Augustus Keefer	5 0	" "
S. H. Moss	2 10	Paid.
T. Robinson	2 10	" "
T. Guy	2 10	" "
T. Melville	2 10	Note given.
W. Coates.....	2 10	" "
John S. Lynch.....	2 10	" "

MAITLAND.

Rufus C. Henderson	£ 17 10	Note given.
G. C. Longley	17 10	" "
Robert Hervey	17 10	" "
Dunham Jones	17 10	" "
J. Brock Wells	12 10	" "
Daniel Collins	12 10	" "
Charles Lemon	19 0	" "
E. Perry	7 10	" "
D. Kennedy	5 0	" "
T. Shepherd	5 0	" "
H. Bradfield	5 0	" "
H. Bradfield, Jr	5 0	" "
W. Miles	4 0	" "
John Dumbrell	2 10	" "

KEMPTVILLE.

Rev. R. Lewis	£ 25 0	Note given.
Joseph Bower	25 0	" "
R. Waugh	20 0	" "
W. H. Bottum	12 10	" "
Joseph Scott	2 10	" "
Lanty Johnson	2 10	" "
Peter Tompkins	2 10	" "
James Porter	5 0	" "
Henry Hurd	3 15	" "
R. Leslie	3 15	" "
Joseph Todd	2 10	" "
John Harding	2 10	" "
W. R. Anderson	2 10	" "
W. Laing	2 10	" "
W. Jones	2 10	" "
A. Magee	2 10	" "
W. Wagstaff	5 0	" "
Edwin Hurd	4 0	" "
Francis Jones	5 0	" "
Joseph Bennett	2 10	" "
W. Peole	2 10	" "

BURRITT'S RAPIDS.

Henry Burritt	£ 12 10	Note given.
John S. French	12 10	" "
Stephen Hurd	7 10	" "
W. Kidd	6 5	" "
D. & D. H. Burritt	6 5	" "
George Burritt	3 15	" "
Peter Depucier	3 15	" "
Hamlet Burritt	2 10	" "
Truman Adams	3 15	" "
Walter Percival (2nd)	2 10	Paid.
Walter Percival (1st)	2 10	Note.
Roger Percival (2nd)	1 5	Paid

N.B.—In most of the parishes reported more subscriptions will still be obtained.

H. P.

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH CHURCH SOCIETY.

In presenting a report of the operations of this District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, for the past year, your Secretary deeply regrets that it is not of a more favourable character. Various causes may no doubt be assigned for the lamentable fact, for truly lamentable it must be regarded, by all who have the interests of the Church at heart, that any causes should exist to diminish the income of a Society, established for the advancement of God's glory and the extension of His Church.

Your Secretary is aware that "the hardness of the times," to use a common expression, may be pleaded as one cause of the deficiency which will be found in the financial statement of the Society's income, as compared with former years. Yet this cannot be the chief reason, for otherwise it might be expected to operate equally in every parish, where there was no special or extraordinary local object, which required a more than

usual exercise of liberality on the part of the parishioners. But in Cornwall and Prescott we find that "the hardness of the times" has caused no diminution of the income of these parochial branches, for in both there exists a small increase over the income of the past year. Other causes must therefore exist, and if these should be found to arise in any degree from apathy or indifference on the part either of the clergy or the laity, it must certainly prove a subject of deep regret and humiliation. But without seeking further to investigate the causes of past deficiencies, let us rather anticipate a happier state of things for the future, and to the attainment of so desirable a result, let every member of Christ's holy Church, resident within our bounds, only resolve to do his utmost for this holy cause, in proportion to the means and ability which God has graciously given to each, and the desirable end will be happily attained. It ought by us all to be regarded as a privilege as well as a duty to be allowed to co-operate in the glorious work of promoting the efficiency, and of extending the usefulness of that pure branch of Christ's holy Church to which it is our great happiness to belong. "In her (to quote the language of an eloquent prelate recently gone to his rest) we recognize a Church Scriptural in doctrine and Apostolic in constitution. A Church appealing to the written Word of God as the sole standard of truth and rule of faith, and yet thankfully accepting, in the interpretation of that Word, the aid afforded by the testimony of primitive antiquity. A Church which has neither added to the Sacraments ordained by Christ, nor diminished from them; nor has she lost or impaired that three-fold ministry to whom these Sacraments were originally entrusted. A Church treasuring in her Liturgy the express image of Catholic and ancient piety. A Church, in her Articles, vindicating God's truth from the corruptions wherewith it had been overloaded in the days of Romish superstition, and giving to her members a Scriptural rule whereby to walk." Members of such a Church as she has been thus eloquently described, we should manifest that we appreciate our privileges by seeking to make her more and more an honoured instrument of God for the propagation of pure and undefiled religion.

The following statement will exhibit the financial operations of this District Branch, for the past year, as far as they have been reported to your Secretary. This statement must not, however, be regarded as any thing like a full exposition of our financial position, since the following parishes have not as yet reported, viz., Hawkesbury, Mountain, Lamb's Pond, Charleston and Merrickville.—5.

1. The parish of Cornwall reports,—	
Annual Subscriptions	£22 10 0
Donation of Fees by the Rector	2 6 3
Girls' Missionary Box	0 11 1½
The Quarterly Sermons	25 12 9
	61 0 11½
2. Brockville parish reports,—	
Subscriptions	30 0 0
The Quarterly Collections	57 0 0
	87 0 0
3. Prescott parish reports,—	
Subscriptions	26 15 0
Quarterly Sermons	24 2 0
	50 17 0
4. Kemptville parish reports,—	
Subscriptions	3 15 0
Quarterly Collections	6 1 8½
	9 16 8½

5. Williamsburg and Matilda,—	
Quarterly Collections	7 9 9½
6. Newboro', &c.—	
One Quarterly Collection	2 16 0
7. Osunbruck parish,—	
Quarterly Collections	3 0 0
8. Gananoque parish,—	
Quarterly Collections	5 0 0

Total of all the Collections and Subscriptions of the 8 above-named parishes £227 0 5½

By way of appendix, other works connected with the advancement of the Church in the several parishes, may here be introduced, especially as the expenditure necessarily involved in these, may have tended in some instances to diminish the contributions to the Church Society. Thus, the Rector of Kemptville reports that his people have contributed, since the last Annual Report, about £175 towards the purchase of a parsonage house, the Rector's salary, the enclosing of the burial ground and the painting of the church.

The Rector of Cornwall reports that an addition has been made to Trinity Church in said town, which has cost £130. The Rector's stipend, offertory, &c., amount to about £100 more.

The Rev. Dr. Lewis reports that, besides contributions to benevolent objects out of the parish, which have probably amounted to £200, his people have contributed to objects connected with the Church in the parish, such as the parochial school, the offertory and the minister's salary, about £780.

The annual meeting of this District Branch of the Church Society was held in Kemptville, on Wednesday, March 3rd, 1858, at 7 p. m. There was Divine Service in the church at 4 p. m., and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Patton.

Owing to the bad state of the roads and other causes, many of the clergy of the Deanery were unable to be present.

ORANGE HILL, GOULBOURN.

At a meeting of the Church Society held at Orange Hill, in the 12th concession of Goulbourn, January 27th, 1858, the following Resolutions were proposed and adopted:

1st. Moved by Rev. Mr. Morris, of Fitzroy Harbour, seconded by Robert Grant, Esq.,

Resolved,—That the success of all the societies engaged in the Church's missionary work, notwithstanding all the difficulties she has to contend with, demands our warmest acknowledgments of gratitude and heartiest ascriptions of praise to Him, who both inspires and prospers all good deeds.

2nd. Moved by Rev. Mr. Lauder, of Ottawa, seconded by Rev. Mr. Pettit,

Resolved,—That the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, needs and deserves the hearty aid and co-operation of all the faithful children of the Church within its bounds.

3rd. Moved by Rev. R. G. Cox, seconded by John Hodgins, Esq.,

Resolved,—That in order to make our beloved Church as efficient as she ought to be in the great work of preaching the Gospel to every creature, and preparing souls for happiness, a great increase in the number of her bishops is imperatively called for by her circumstances and system.

4. Resolved,—That the members of this congregation having heard with much satisfaction the aims and objects of the Church Society, do now form themselves into a Parochial Association in connection therewith. Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Clarke.

It was also resolved that one-fourth of the Parochial Subscriptions of this Association be appropriated to the purpose of multiplying the number of missionaries in this district, in accordance with the resolution of the District Branch of the Church Society.

Miss Susan Colbert and Miss Jane Shore were appointed collectors for Goulbourn, and Miss Eleanor Featherstone for Huntley.

Parsonage, Huntley, April 15th, 1858.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

I write to inform you that the collections for the Church Society in my parish are completed, and amount to £12 17s. 11½d. in all. Of this sum £7 were collected in Huntley, by Miss Eleanor Featherstone. In Goulbourn, Miss Shore collected £2 14s. 7½d., and Miss Colbert, £3 2s. 6d. My own subscription to the Widows and Orphans' Fund is not included. Thus, you will perceive by comparison, is a considerable improvement on last year's operations. As regards Goulbourn, the increase there is, I dare say, under God's blessing, to be attributed to the zeal aroused by a meeting held there on the 27th of January; the Revs. Messrs. Lauder, Pettit, Cox and Morris attended and addressed the meeting, which was large and respectable; speaking earnestly and ably to the appended resolutions. While writing to you on this subject, I ought not to omit noticing that the account of Parochial Subscriptions in the Bathurst District, copied from the Ottawa Citizen into the Ecclesiastical Gazette for March, is incorrect so far as regards my parish of Huntley and Goulbourn. Instead of £8 2s. 2d. subscribed, £4 8s. 7d. remitted, and £1 14s. 9d. special collection, as therein stated, the real sums are the following:

Huntley and Goulbourn Parochial Subscriptions for 1857	£ 6 10 6
Four Special Collections	8 19 1

Total

And the whole Parochial Subscriptions, as well as the Special Collections, were remitted to Toronto. Indeed the Parochial Subscriptions were given specifically for the Mission Fund, and therefore no part of them could be retained here. As the Citizen circulates more or less among my people, I think it due to myself, as the person through whose hands the whole contributions and collections passed, to make these corrections. And it is due to the contributors too, to let it be known that they would be ashamed to claim or retain for parochial purposes any part of their donations to the Church Society. You will therefore be kind enough to have this published in the next number of the Ecclesiastical Gazette, and send me fifty copies for distribution among the members of my congregation.

I will now repeat succinctly what I have before mentioned, relative to our subscriptions in Huntley and Goulbourn, for the year 1858, in order that you may more clearly see the improvement on last year:

Collected in Huntley, by Miss Featherstone	£ 7 0 0
Collected in Goulbourn, by Miss Shore	2 14 7½
Collected in Goulbourn, by Miss Colbert	3 2 6
Total Parochial Subscriptions	12 17 1½
Three Special Collections	3 0 8
My own Subscription to Widows and Orphans' Fund	1 5 0

£17 2 9½

The collection for Divinity Students' Fund has

not yet been made, but when it is, and sent to the Parent Society, with what has been already remitted, the whole contributions to the funds of the Church Society from this mission will fall very little short of

Salary	50 0 0
And Offertory Collections, say	6 0 0
	£74 0 0

It will be seen that in this region the Church is taking the first step towards becoming self-supporting, and with care, zeal and good management on the part of her rulers and pastors, with God's good blessing to guide and prosper, in a hundred years she will be so firmly planted, that no power of man will be able to uproot her. And in much less time a great improvement would be manifest.

You will notice among the resolutions enclosed, one to appropriate one-fourth of the Parochial Subscriptions to missions upon the Ottawa, the remaining three-fourths go to the Mission Fund of the Parent Society.

Parochial Subscriptions	£12 17 1½
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To be remitted to District Treasurer	3 4 3
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To be remitted to Parent Society	9 12 10½
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Again requesting you to have this communication published in the Ecclesiastical Gazette, whose editor, from time to time, professes great willingness to insert accounts from the different parishes.

I remain, very truly yours,

JAMES GODFREY.

MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

REPORT.

In presenting the usual Report of the proceedings of this Branch of the Church Society, during the past year, the Committee have nothing of striking interest to communicate. Our Association languishes, partly from its being so far from the Parent Society, but still more from the fact that all other considerations are merged in the desire to have a diocesan organization of our own.

Our discouragements arise from the yearly increasing spiritual destitution in this District, the apathy of many who ought to be warm supporters of the Society, and the small sums available for missionary purposes. Our encouragements arise from the fact that, since the last anniversary, £100 has been granted by the Parent Society towards the salaries of two travelling missionaries in the Midland District, and that two have been added to the number of the clergy, while a third is promised. "But what are they among so many?" How are two, or six, or twelve to supply the deficiency among the many townships around us, where the voice of the Church is never heard?

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

NAPANEE.—Sermons have been regularly preached in this mission, and the quarterly collections made in aid of the objects of the Society. The sums raised are as follow:—

For General Purposes	£1 7 2
Theological Students	1 8 9
Mission Fund	1 17 6
Widows and Orphans	1 8 4
Collection at Annual Meeting	1 11 7
Subscriptions	4 9 3
Clergyman's Subscription	1 5 0

£18 2 7

The collections have been forwarded to the Parent Society, together with one-fourth of the subscriptions raised. The three-fourths have been applied to pay off a balance due on the font, and Sunday school library.

The Report expresses an earnest wish that a travelling missionary may be appointed, who would bear the Gospel of Christ to the Church's sons and daughters settled in the large tract of country extending to the Madawaska.

CAMDEN.—The Rev. G. W. White has succeeded the late Paul Shirley in the charge of Camden and Sheffield. He reports that four stations have been opened in each of these townships, most of which are numerously attended, and that a Sunday school has been organized in St. Luke's Church, for which a library is about being bought. He says that, as the people have, for the first time, been called upon to support their clergyman, it can hardly be expected that they would give any thing to the Church Society just now, but he hopes that, next year, the mission will be able to contribute its share.

FREDERICKSBURG AND ADOLPHUSTOWN.—Mr. Harding has sent \$8, being the fourth part of the sum collected in Fredericksburg for the Church Society, together with his own subscription of \$5. The three-fourths have been retained for the purchase of Communion plate, which, he says, is much needed. He reports that "the congregation at Adolphustown have purchased a site, and concluded arrangements for building a parsonage adjoining their church, to be commenced immediately." The two congregations have promised to pay the rent of their clergyman's house, amounting to \$120, and have bound themselves to lay out from \$1400 to \$1500 in building the parsonage—\$200 of that sum to be contributed by the congregation at Fredericksburg. He adds, "I may be permitted to claim as a right the privilege to accord my testimony to the truly laudable zeal manifested by these people in their undertaking. They are very few in number, but have commenced with an energy and unity of purpose worthy of the good cause they have in hand."

Here is an example which commends itself to every congregation in the Midland District.

PORTSMOUTH.—The Committee report that the usual quarterly collections on behalf of the Church Society have been made and forwarded to the Parent Society, as also the clergyman's subscription of £1 5s., amounting in all to £7 15s. There is still a debt on the parsonage, which the congregation are endeavouring to pay off. The report says, "Your Committee rejoice that the Colonial Church Society have sent us one labourer for the long neglected District of Wolfe Island, and that another is on his way to this country, to take charge of the districts of Murvale, Sydenham and Storrington."

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH.—The Committee of this Branch report as follows: "The four quarterly collections have been made, amounting to £6 17s. 9d., and the Incumbent's annual subscription to the Widows and Orphans' Fund has been paid. An effort has been commenced to raise funds for building a Sunday school, which, owing to the present depressed times, has to be put off to some season of greater worldly prosperity. The sum of £26 15s. has been collected for this object, and £2 12s. 1d. from the Sunday school children for the library. Our Sunday school continues to enjoy a good measure of support; and its attendance is such, both by teachers and scholars, as to prove its estimation by the congregation as an eminent means of grace."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—The Rev. J. A. Mulock reports that, "Owing to the heavy debt upon this church, together with the current expenses,

which have been considerable, resulting from the unfinished state of the building, it has not been considered advisable to establish a Branch of the Church Society this year. During the occupancy of the present Incumbent, the sum of £2 11s. for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, has been sent to the Parent Society, together with the Incumbent's yearly subscription of £1 6s. A special collection is taken up monthly towards paying off some of the debt, which has been well responded to; nevertheless it will be many years before the present debt is liquidated."

St. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—This Branch is still in a flourishing condition, although the contributions are not so great as in former years. As usual, it supplies the only funds available for missionary and other purposes in this district. The quarterly collections have been regularly made, and remitted to the Parent Society. The subscriptions for the present year amount to £19 7s. 6d. Although this congregation gives upwards of £150 every year to the poor, and are frequently called upon for contributions to various religious objects, they are still ready with their subscriptions to the Church Society.

BARRIEFIELD.—The missionary reports that the services in that township have been regularly kept up, and it with much pleasure he has to state that the attendance is always very good, and particularly at St. James's Church, Birmingham, where the members attending church have nearly doubled within the last year.

There have been 48 children baptized, 11 marriages and 8 funerals during the year, in this mission.

There is no report from Amherst Island or Bath.

THE DEPOSITORY.—This year the sales at the Depository have been nearly doubled. The stock of books now on hand is small, there having been no importation for more than eighteen months. As the Depository ought to furnish a supply of Bibles and Prayer Books, with other religious books and tracts sufficient to meet all demands, no time ought to be lost in sending for a fresh supply.

THE BISHOP'S FUND.—The plan, long contemplated, of constituting a separate See, from that part of the Toronto Diocese east of the river Trent, seems likely to be soon carried into effect, an effort is now being made to raise the necessary endowment, which has thus far been very successful. Nearly one-half of the minimum sum required has been secured; and as the canvass will be prosecuted vigorously, until every corner of the proposed Diocese shall have been gone over, it is not too much to hope that, in a few months, we may be called upon to elect a bishop of our own. This calls loudly upon all who love our truly Apostolic Church, to pray earnestly and perseveringly that God would send us a man after his own heart to rule over his heritage.

Upon a review of the statistics given above, it will be apparent that the Diocesan Church Society, like other institutions of a like nature, is subject to fluctuations. It is much to be regretted that, at the present time, it is divided in its counsels. This must inevitably lessen its usefulness. Peace and unity alone can give prosperity within the borders of our beloved Church. We ought, therefore, to pray that the members of the Society may all be one in spirit, one in desire, one in aim, and then may we expect to see the efforts of the Society crowned with abundant success.

And let us never forget that, as a true branch of Christ's Church, we ought to exhibit a missionary spirit, the manifestations of which will find ample scope all around us. Both men and means are wanted at the present time, for "the

harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few." As Churchmen, we ought to rise to the work, as the wants of the Church increase, giving with a glad mind of our substance, according to our ability, and praying the Lord of the harvest to send forth more labourers into his harvest. It will be only then that we shall "have done that which was our duty to do."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

1857.—April 7, Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	£36	18	1
April 11, Rev. H. Mulkin's subscription for 1856.....	1	5	0
Quarter of subscriptions at Camden for 1856.....	0	15	0
1858.—Sales at the Depository.....	47	18	1
Subscriptions from St. George's less commission.....	49	7	6
Quarter of subscriptions from Fredericksburg.....	2	0	0
Rev. Robert Harding's subscription.....	1	5	0
Total Receipts..	£139	8	8

Total Receipts..

DISBURSEMENTS.

1857.—April 11, Balance of quarter of subscriptions to Parent Society August, Mrs. Ferris' per centage for 1856 and 1857.....	£7	13	5
Rowsell's Bill for hymn books.....	4	5	9
Printing Annual Report.....	7	0	6
3	0	0	0
1858.—January, Rowsell, for books got in January, 1857.....	6	8	9
Watt's hymns.....	0	7	0
Rev. F. W. Dobbs, missionary at Portsmouth.....	10	0	0
Rev. E. C. Bower, missionary at Barriefield.....	10	0	0
Postages, &c.....	0	11	3
Balance in hand.....	90	2	0
£139	8	8	

Kingston, 18th March, audited the above account, and found correct.

WILLIAM REDSTON,
R. SELLARS.

GORE & WELLINGTON DISTRICT BRANCH.

The following is the report submitted to the annual meeting:

The Committee of the Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society, in presenting its members with the usual Annual Report, are sorry to be obliged, for the first time, to record a diminution of income. It is true that, in some parishes, there has been an increase on the contributions of former years; but in the majority of parishes, the collections have fallen considerably short. The "hardness of the times" is urged in extenuation of the deficiency; and your Committee are aware that, from a state of unexampled prosperity, the Province generally has, during the last year, fallen into a condition of almost unparalleled distress. Your Committee, however, must be allowed the expression of their decided opinion that the "hardness of the times" is no sufficient reason why the members of the Church should withhold their accustomed donations to the funds of the Church Society. Were the times never so hard, and the scarcity of money never so great, we are surely not discharged by that hardness and that scarcity from the heaven-imposed obligation of doing our duty to God and our fellowmen. The rule of duty is an unalterable rule, quite independent of times and circumstances. There is not one rule for times of plenty, and another for sea-

sons of destitution. The spiritual wants of the country are not less pressing, the souls of our brethren are not less precious in times like the present, than they are when we are basking, as it were, in the smile of a Bountiful Heaven. It is recorded to the praise of one of the early Churches that, out of the depth of their poverty, they contributed, not as most modern Christians do, what they could afford, but beyond their power. The sums generally given to the Church Society are so small as scarcely to be an object to the contributors, even in times of the greatest pressure; they will spend ten fold the amount in vanity and self-indulgence, and not whisper a syllable about the "hardness of the times." With reverence be it spoken, God is made the sufferer by the "hardness of the times." His claims are the first to be overlooked, and subordinated to our own pleasure and comfort. His work is allowed to languish, his Ministers to starve, and his ransomed people to perish for lack of knowledge. The Committee leave to the members of the Church within the bounds of this District Association, as a question worthy to be considered, whether this is a method worthy to be considered, whether this is a method calculated to restore the country to its wonted prosperity.

Notwithstanding the indifference of too many professed members of our communion, the Committee are happy to be able to state that something has been done by this Association in the glorious cause it has in hand.—It has been perfunctored during the past year to pay either wholly or in part the stipends of five Clergymen, who are diligently labouring as travelling Missionaries in many distant Townships which would, but for its aid, be wholly destitute of the ordinances of our Church. Reports have been received from all these gentlemen exhibiting much zeal, and no inconsiderable success in their arduous labors. Through their self-denying exertions, Churches have been built and filled with devout and appreciating worshippers; vast numbers of children have been admitted within the Christian covenant; and the consolations of our most holy faith extended to thousands both of the whole and the diseased. These devoted men feel painfully their inadequacy to meet the increasing requirements of a growing population, and cry with one voice for additional laborers. The Committee confidently hope that the members of the Church, will, by increased liberality put the Association in a position to accede to the demand.

By a rule of the Association made some months back, all Clergymen receiving aid from its funds were required to make collections in their missions for the Church Society. In some cases this rule has been complied with, and seems large in proportion to the number and means of the donors which have been remitted to the Treasurer.

Your Committee congratulate the members of this Association on the creation of the new Diocese of Huron, which consists of the western portion of the former Diocese of Toronto; and on the elevation of a gentleman of known piety to the supervision of the See. Four or five parishes which have hitherto maintained a close and cordial connection with the Gore and Wellington District Branch of your Society, form part of the new Diocese, and will not, of course, hereafter contribute anything to your funds. With the consent and sanction, however, of the Lord Bishop of Huron, the sums raised this year in those parishes have been, as heretofore, sent to your Treasurer, to be applied to the payment of the Missionaries for whose stipends the whole District was answerable.

The painful insufficiency of the remuneration afforded to some of the rural Clergy, is a subject which has occupied a large measure of the attention both of the parent Society, and the District

Branch. It is fully expected that some effectual method will soon be adopted to secure a large and more certain maintenance for those who labour in holy things. A committee has been named by the parent Society to take the subject into the most serious consideration. They propose raising a sustentation fund for the purpose, and recommend, 1st. That in addition to the amount of collections made at the annual sermon for the support of the Missionaries, the collection taken up on Easter Sunday shall form part of the said Fund. 2ndly. That the whole amount of the subscriptions of the Branch Societies, instead of one fourth as heretofore, be paid into the Parent Society, and added to the Missionary Fund.—Thirdly, That the congregations whose clergymen are upon the commutation list, or in the enjoyment of Rectory lands, or other endowments, be called upon to contribute a sum equal to one fourth of the income now derived from the sources above named, such sums to be funded and the revenue to be appropriated to the Mission Fund.

Recent events have attached a painful interest to India. Your Committee claim the warm and hearty sympathy of churchmen for those of our brethren now exposed there to suffering and violence, and for the surviving friends of those who have fallen victims to the treachery and cruelty of the natives of that country. Your Committee fully believe that a reputation of these terrible scenes can only be prevented by the christianization of that unhappy country, and on the part of the members of the Association acknowledge the duty of giving something, notwithstanding our own pressing wants, for the furtherance of this most desirable end. A resolution and memorial will be submitted to this meeting expressive of our views and feelings in this matter, and a collection will be made in aid of missions to India at the conclusion of the proceedings of the evening in both the Church of Ascension and Christ's Church.

Extracts were read from several missionary reports of much interest. These we may possibly give in a future issue.

The Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society in Account with the Treasurer, for the year ending 31st December, 1857.

1857—March 26.	Dr.	
To remitted Parent Society's Collections of 1856, \$13 25.	\$3 82	
Paid Account Mission Fund, the Secretary, Postage, &c.	\$6 00	
Rent of Hall and gas at Annual Meeting.....	18 00	
Travelling expenses attending Local Meetings.....	5 00	
Grant to Rev. Mr. Ralley, 1 gr. to Oct. 1857.....	100 00	
Paid Stipend Rev. Mr. Mulholland—the year.....	150 00	
Stipend Rev. Mr. Hodgo.....	600 00	
“ “ Mr. Preston.....	600 00	
“ “ Mr. Drinkwater.....	600 00	
	2079 00	
December 31.		
To add. investment in Building Society.....	47 55	
Remitted Parent Society \$5 per each 17 Clergymen.....	85 00	
Do. \$5 per each 17 Lay incorporated members.....	85 00	
One-fourth of \$1,785 10, the balance of the year's collection.....	446 27	
Balance in hand.....	616 27	
Of which \$442 08 remains unappropriated for the pre-	1493 32	

sent, and \$1,051 30 with \$1,655 78 invested in the Western Permanent Building Society is at the credit of the District Mission Fund 1857—March 26.

By balance per Statement £472 7s. 11d., or.....		1889 59
By Collections on account of 1856, viz: York additional	8 00	
Ancaster do.	2 25	
Oakville do.	3 00	
Elora Special Grant to District Mission of.....	20 00	
		33 25
December 31.		
By Interest and gain on Building Society Stock.....		561 53
By Collections of 1857 from Parochial Associations—		
Christ's Church, Hamilton..	\$348 50	
Church of Ascension do.	150 00	
Guelph and Puslinch.....	281 22	
Dundas and Flamboro' West..	125 51	
Galt.....	118 00	
Nelson and Wellington Square	96 00	
Brantford.....	300 00	
Ancaster.....	56 87	
Paris.....	68 25	
Mohawk and Tuscarora.....	84 00	
Elora.....	71 60	
Milton.....	64 84	
Barton and Glanford.....	70 00	
Hornby.....	45 22	
Lowville.....	15 09	
Rockwood.....	13 00	
Arthur.....	15 00	
Allanville.....	2 00	
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HUGH C. BAKER, Treasurer.
Hamilton March 24th, 1858.

CHURCH OF ASCENSION, ANNUAL REPORT.

The Parochial Committee of the Church of the Ascension Association, have to report a diminution in the amount received by their collectors, as compared with the amount of last year. The sum subscribed this year for the general objects of the Church Society being \$150, that for last year having been \$226; while for special objects the sum this year subscribed amounts to \$174 50 last year the sum having been \$286 75. The latter named sums being subscribed for local objects, specially connected with the Church of the Ascension, as, for example, the support of its Sunday schools.

The Committee do not feel justified in attributing the falling off of the collections for the present year to the generally prevailing commercial depression,—though such undoubtedly has to some extent affected their subscription lists. They feel it to be more properly attributable to the circumstance that a subscription, on the part of their congregation, and amounting at present to a sum of \$1200, has been taken up since the first of January, to increase the stipends of their ministers, and to lessen the debt of their church.

CHRIST'S CHURCH.

The Parochial Committee of Christ's Church, in reporting the result of their exertions this year on behalf of the Church Society, are concerned to observe a large falling off from the amount collected last year. They were, it is true, somewhat prepared for this by the universal

complaint which has for some time prevailed of the scarcity of money and the lack of employment, but they are afraid that the real cause of the deficiency is not to be found there; nor yet does it arise, they conceive, from any dissatisfaction with the operations of the Parent Society, or any want of confidence in its management. They are obliged to confess, however humiliating the confession may be, that the falling off has been caused chiefly by the difficulty of obtaining efficient collectors for several wards of the city—earnest-minded men, willing to deny themselves, and abstract a few hours from the all-absorbing pursuits of worldly business, and assist their clergymen in collecting those funds which are requisite for carrying on the Christian objects of the Society, and which can only be had by a diligent and pains-taking canvass from house to house. They trust that this reproach may not rest upon their Parochial Association another year, but that the statements they shall hear this evening, and the example of other parishes less populous, less wealthy, may incite them to fresh zeal and more decided efforts in that which must be dear to all true Christians—the spread of the Gospel, and the diffusion of pure and undefiled religion through the instrumentality of our beloved Church.

Your Committee beg to append the following brief statement of the expenditure of last year's collections, which amounted to £128.

Christ's Church, Hamilton,		
amount collected.....	£123 0 0	
Remitted Parent Society,		
A Special Subscription,		
Widows & Orphans' Fund, £1 0 0		
7 Incorporated Members,		
£1 5s. each.....	8 15 0	
One fourth of Balance,.....	28 6 3	38 1 3

Credited Mission Fund £81 18 9
Moved by the Rev. T. S. KENNEDY, seconded by GEO. TAYLOR, Esq.

That the Report now read be adopted, and a humble acknowledgment recorded of the benefits bestowed upon the Province through the Church Society.

ST. GEORGE'S PAROCHIAL BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

On Thursday, 11th of February, the new school house attached to St. George's Church was used for the first time, a meeting of the above Branch was held therein. The attendance was larger even than on former occasions, as the interest in the event was very general throughout the parish. Amongst those present were the Lord Bishop, the Provost, the Hon. J. H. Cameron, Drs. Bovell, Morris, S. B. Harman, R. W. Denison, O. R. Gowan, the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, C. L. Ingles, &c., &c.

The chair was taken by the Rev. Dr. Lett, the Incumbent, and the usual prayers having been said,

The Rev. J. H. McCollum read the following REPORT.

Three years have now elapsed since the St. George's Parochial Branch of the Church Society met. It is needless to review the causes why its meetings have been suspended. Of it, however, we may say, it was not dead but slept, and now bright with hopes for the future, awakes afresh to keep pace with the other sister parochial branches, in the important work of helping to advance the objects of the Parent Society, and the cause of Christ in this Diocese.

Since last the members of your Society assem-

bled together, many changes have taken place in our parish; some of those belonging to our congregation, who, then, were present and took a lively interest in every matter connected with the cause of religion in our midst, are now absent—one of whom, the foremost in every good work, whose constant care was attending to the education of the young—is now for a time from us, but we fondly entertain the hope to see him soon again occupying his accustomed and useful position in our committee meetings and schools.

The debt of the church, that chief of all our local claims, heretofore a matter of such moment and difficulty, has now completely disappeared. Through the constant exertions of your committee and the liberal spirit of the congregation, the mountain first became a mole-hill, and, at the present even the mole-hill is a creature of the past. It will be remembered that when, at the beginning, this branch was originated in 1848, the debt then was a myth and a mystery—even able accountants felt themselves inadequate to solve the enigma, and it remained for the churchwardens of 1850, Captain Lefroy and S. B. Harman, Esq., to mould the confused mass into some tangible shape. After much pains and labour, these gentlemen placed the matter in such a light, and so directed previous efforts, that it appeared not impossible to reduce this great burden, which seemed to crush every attempt to advance the cause of religion in our parish, and to absorb every effort in the one exertion to pay the debt for the erection of the consecrated edifice of our church. With God's blessing on the well-sustained and self-denying endeavours of the parishioners, we have now to be truly thankful that every farthing of the debt has been liquidated. The party, once so oppressed with responsibilities incurred as a member of the building committee, has been altogether relieved, interest for temporary advances allowed, and bills of cost discharged.

This great work finished, and the debt of the church existing among the things that have been—the other great work—the parochial school house—has not only been attempted, but achieved. On reference to the minute book, we find, so far back as the 28th April, 1849, the following resolution had been adopted: "That three-fourths of the funds at present in hand, and not especially appropriated, be devoted towards the erection of a parochial school house and charges connected therewith." By this resolution the sum of £52 3s. 4d. was placed in the hands of the treasurer as the nucleus of a fund, wherewith to erect a school house for the parish; this sum from time to time was increased—now by thank-offerings—then by the Sunday school children foregoing their accustomed prizes for punctual attendance—again by a collection in the church at the interesting ceremony of the consecration, and other sources—and last, though not least, through the judicious investment of these various sums by the energetic and untiring friend, who kindly undertook the management of the fund.

The object is now accomplished, and upon this night, for the first time, we are assembled beneath the roof of that useful building, the erecting of which has been so long the fondest object of your committee, and the congregation altogether. A teacher also, with the highest testimonials as to character and competency, having had the management of important schools in the old country, has solicited to be permitted, so soon as the school room furniture is procured, to open the school upon his own responsibility and under the superintendence of the parochial clergy. From the attainments of the master, it is confidently expected to impart to the children a sound English, commercial and mathematical education;

while having before our eyes the all-important warning, "Them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." the eternal truths of the blessed Bible and the principles of our Scriptural Church, shall hold in it that prominent position, which is always sure to entail upon such institutions the blessings and favour of the Almighty.

The advantages arising from this structure end not here. In it the children of our parish will assemble for instruction on the Sabbath, thus affording the sexton an opportunity of having the church more neat and clean than heretofore could possibly be accomplished, and also putting a stop, for ever, to that want of due respect for things sacred, in the minds of the children, which the necessity of imparting to them instruction within our church, naturally engenders.

This, our laudable attempt to provide a suitable place for the spiritual and secular education of our youth, will, doubtless, give a still further impetus to the cause of church education in this province—will induce parents and others, to whom is entrusted the care of children, to place their charge in schools wherein lessons not only relating to time, but to eternity, are imparted—where loyalty to their Queen is taught—and love to God inculcated; not in those establishments where religion is in abeyance, and whose system, to use the expressive words of a former report, "Is discarded by the Romanist, and distrusted by all."

Connected with this subject, your Committee are reluctantly obliged to mention that the contractors for the school house, themselves working mechanics, have not as yet been paid for their work and labour done, and this debt to the contractors would have been much more considerable, had not a member of the Building Committee advanced large sums from time to time, to enable them to pay the workmen their wages; but though these sums, thus advanced, have moderated the debt to the contractors, they, nevertheless, are due by us to the gentleman who advanced them. And your Committee would respectfully submit that some prompt and vigorous effort should be made, not only to repay these advances, but also to liquidate every fraction of debt.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. McCOLLUM,

Secretary.

A statement of the accounts for the year is submitted.

The following were the Resolutions:—

1st. Moved by Richard Freeman, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. C. L. Ingles,

Resolved,—That the report now read be received and adopted, and that it be printed and circulated among the parishioners.

2nd. Moved by the Rev. the Provost, and seconded by the Rev. T. S. Kennedy,

Resolved,—That this meeting, while convinced that all the specific objects of the Society are commendable, and deserving of general support, yet views with especial approbation, all efforts on the part of the Society, to increase the number of missionary clergy.

3rd. Moved by James Borell, M.D., and seconded by the Hon. J. H. Cameron,

Resolved,—That it is a matter of much thankfulness to Almighty God, that we have been permitted to see the completion of the two great works which, in this parish, we proposed to ourselves as the most desirable objects of our exer-

tions, viz., the extinction of the debt on the church, and the erection of a parochial school house; and we trust that, as we have been already permitted to set apart the former to the worship of God, so we may be enabled at once to appropriate the latter equally to His service, in bringing the lambs of the fold to the knowledge of His ways.

4th. Moved by R. B. Denison, Esq., and seconded by Andrew Fleming, Esq.,

Resolved,—That the following gentlemen do constitute the Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs S. B. Harman, R. B. Denison, D. Delamere, W. McCleary, A. Fleming, D. Burns, — Viners, J. P. Roberts, — Fergusson, P. McBrien, R. Freeman, K. Tully, J. Dunn, R. McGillivray, J. Jackson, with the clergy.

The Lord Bishop then addressed the meeting in forcible and energetic terms; he congratulated the congregation of St. George's on the achievement of the liquidation of the heavy debt which once was such an incubus upon them, and also on the erection of their noble school house. His Lordship gave a rapid and most interesting review of Church progress in Upper Canada, detailed some of the difficulties with which the pioneers of the Church had to contend in the early settlement of the Province, and concluded with a strong appeal in favour of Church education.

The meeting then joined in singing the Hundredth Psalm, after which the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

Not the least pleasing part of the proceedings was the presentation of an illustrated family Bible to S. B. Harman, Esq., who filled the office of Churchwarden for several years, and by whose unweary exertion the financial position of the affairs of the church has been brought to such a satisfactory issue. The following is the inscription on the clasp:

"From the parishioners of the church of St. George the Martyr, to Samuel B. Harman, Esq., on the 11th of February, 1858, at the opening of the Parochial School House, erected principally through his exertions."

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Montreal Church Society's Office,
7th April, 1858.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day. The Dean of Montreal in the chair.

The Treasurer reported that the following sums had been received since the last meeting:

Collection at St. George's, Clarencoville	\$ 4 01
Do. St. Thomas' do.	2 99
Do. Coteau du Lac	2 50
Do. Aylmer	6 00
Do. Clarendon	3 40
Do. Portage du Fort	4 60
Subscriptions at Mascouche	102 00
Do. St. George's, Clarencoville	33 00
Do. Rev. E. J. Rogers	7 50
Do. from Montreal Parochial Association	80 60
Do. Boxes from do.	101 59
Donation to a Fund for the Education of the Sons of Clergymen, in the Junior Department at Lennoxville.....	40 00
Collection at meeting of Missisquoi Clerical Association, for the Widows and Orphans' Fund	4 00

EDWARD J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

English Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL. SATURDAY, FEB. 6.

(Before the Bishop of LONDON, Lord Justice KNIGHT BRUCE, Lord Justice TURNER, Mr. PEMBERTON LEIGH.—and Sir E. RYAN)

THE CASE OF ARCHDEACON DENISON. DITCHER v. DENISON.

THIS was an appeal from a decree of the Court of Arches pronounced on the 23rd of April, 1867, reversing a sentence of deprivation against Archdeacon Denison passed by the Diocesan Court of Bath and Wells. The proceedings had been originally instituted by the Rev. Joseph Ditcher, vicar of South Brent, under the Church Discipline Act, 3rd and 4th of Victoria, chap. 86, on the ground that certain sermons preached by the Archdeacon in 1853 maintained doctrine contrary to the articles of the Church of England. A commission was issued, and various steps taken under that Act, and in October, 1856, the Diocesan Court, presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by Dr. Lushington, having come to the conclusion that the archdeacon's doctrine was unsound, required him to recant, and upon his refusal pronounced sentence of deprivation. This sentence was reversed by the Court of Arches on the ground that Mr. Ditcher was barred by the 20th section of the act, which provides "that every suit or proceeding against any such clerk in holy orders for any offence against the laws ecclesiastical shall be commenced within two years after the commission of the offence in respect of which the suit or proceeding shall be instituted, and not afterwards." The only question raised by the appeal therefore was whether the construction put by the Court of Arches upon that section was correct. The case was argued in December last: see "Ecclesiastical Gazette" of Dec. 8.

Lord Justice KNIGHT BRUCE this morning delivered judgment. His lordship stated at length the various proceedings which had been taken since October, 1854, when Mr. Ditcher first made his complaint to the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is, however, unnecessary to give more than the dates of some of those proceedings. The commission to inquire into the allegations in the complaint was issued in November, 1854; notice was given to the archdeacon in December, 1854; the commissioners sat and made their report in January, 1855; articles of accusation were drawn up by Mr. Ditcher and served upon the archdeacon in August, 1855; but articles of accusation were not exhibited against him in the court at Bath until June, 1856, and sentence of deprivation was pronounced by that court in October, 1856. His lordship said that the whole of the Act had received from their lordships great and prolonged, he had almost added painful attention, for probably no writing ever in a stronger degree required that not any portion should be judicially construed without weighing the whole. It could not, in the first place, escape observation that the word "suit" was of less extent than the word "proceeding" and that in the section upon which this question turned the word "proceeding" came after the word "suit." Having weighed the whole of the statute, their lordships had come to the conclusion that the phrase "every suit or proceeding" in that section, unless the phrase meant every suit merely and nothing else, "meant every suit and every proceeding" nor less nor more. Before entering on the next question it might be well to observe that, notwithstanding the loose and inaccurate language in the Act, the Legislature had made a sufficient distinction between a suit, properly so called, and the preliminary inquiries out of which a suit might arise.

A clerk might, indeed, obviate the necessity of a suit by submitting to a sentence as a result of the preliminary inquiries; but unless he did so he had a right to have the case against him decided *secundum allegata et probata*, in a suit regularly constituted. They then came to the question whether the "suit" in which was pronounced the decree of deprivation at Bath in 1856 was "commenced within two years after" the offence in respect of which the "suit" was instituted, and not afterwards. In considering that question their lordships dismissed from consideration every, if any, such offence as had taken place on the part of the archdeacon since 1853. If, therefore, the suit was not commenced before 1856 it was ill commenced, and the sentence of deprivation must fail. Now, it was not until April, 1856, or later, that there was any citation of the archdeacon, or any requisition for him to appear before any judge or any where. Mr. Ditcher's learned counsel, however, had ably contended that the archdeacon was deprived, in a "suit or proceeding" which was commenced by the commission, or by what took place between the commission and report, or by the report or its registration, or by the filing of the "articles" in August, 1855, or by the service in that month of a copy of those articles on the archdeacon. Their lordships, however, were of opinion, with Sir John Dodson, that this proposition was untenable. The report was not, the inquisition or investigation under the commission was not, nor was the commission, nor was Mr. Ditcher's application to the archbishop for a commission, a suit, or the commencement of any part of a suit. The commission and the inquisition or investigation under it were merely steps for obtaining the opinion, and the report was merely the opinion so obtained, of five clerical gentlemen, in the selection of not one of whom had the proposed *reus* a voice, whether there was ground *prima facie* for instituting a suit. Neither the report made, nor any report capable of being made, under the commission amounted, or could have amounted to an adjudication of heresy or error of any kind against Mr. Denison. He could not lawfully, before the year 1856, have been deprived, punished, or censured without his consent; nor in nor after the year 1856 was it, independently of what took place in April, 1856, or the following month, possible without his consent to deprive, punish, or censure him. Then, as to the filing of the articles in August, 1855, and the service in the same month of a copy of them on the archdeacon, each of these steps he was entitled to disregard until served with a citation or requisition under the 9th section of the Act, in the manner directed by the 10th; as long as there was no such service the articles (though preventing letters of request) were in truth, as against him, a nullity. They did not cite, command, require, or invite his attendance or appearance in any court, or at any place or time. The rule or maxim, "*Semper in dubiis benivolentia preferenda*," was as true in the law of England as in the Roman law, and the statute before them was at once a law of criminal procedure as to the offences to which it related, and a Statute of Limitations as to penal prosecutions. With reference to that character, the presumption of inclination ought to be in favour of the person charged with an offence, and sued penally under it. And their lordships were of opinion that they construed the 20th section consistently with the rules and idiom of the English language, and, *omni considerata scriptura*, agreeably to the spirit and general intention of the Act of Parliament, by holding, with the learned Dean of the Arches, that a suit was not constituted by the application for the commission, or by the commission, report, and articles, or by any one or more of them, or

by the service of the articles on the archdeacon; that the suit, consequently, in which the Bath judgment was pronounced was not commenced, was not a "proceeding" begun, before April, 1856; that the archdeacon having not been proved to have committed any offence after 1853, there was accordingly not a suit commenced within the time prescribed by the 20th section; that the commission and report fell to the ground, therefore, and became wholly worthless; that every such proceeding, if any, as existed before April, 1856, having thus, before April, 1856, failed and become extinct, no such proceeding was capable of supporting or assisting any thing done in or after April, 1856; and that, as the necessary result of such a state of things, the proceedings against him subsequent to the year 1855 were altogether groundless and bad. Their lordships were not unaware of the inconvenience possible to arise from unavoidable delay between the issuing of a commission and the making of a report under it according to their reading of the Act; but neither could they avoid seeing the mischief, equal or greater, likely to arise from holding that a penal suit might be instituted against a clergyman, founded on a report made 20 years before it. Their lordships felt somewhat less diffidence than they otherwise should do in differing from so high an authority as the learned Judge of the Consistory Court (Dr. Lushington), by the reason of the probability that he was precluded from taking time for deliberation, and of the weighty judgment of that experienced ecclesiastical lawyer, the Dean of the Arches (Sir J. Dodson), and the previous judicial opinions (to be found in 3 and 4, *Notes of Cases*; and 2 *Rob.*) with which that judgment agreed. For the reasons that had been now stated, it was their lordships' intention to report to Her Majesty that, in their judgment, the present appeal should be dismissed, but without costs. Of course it was understood that upon the question of heterodoxy, the question whether the respondent had at any time uttered heretical doctrine or committed any ecclesiastical offence, their lordships had intimated no opinion.

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